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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK AND REFORM OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee" was included in the provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 49/85 of 15 December 1994.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 12th meeting, on 27 October 1995, the First Committee decided to defer the consideration of item 79. Action on the draft decision on this item took place at the 19th meeting, on 13 November 1995.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.1/50/L.51

4. On 9 November, the Chairman submitted a draft decision entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee" (A/C.1/50/L.51).

5. At its 19th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.1/50/L.51 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

6. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

The General Assembly, welcoming the progress achieved in the rationalization and improvement of the work of the First Committee,

(a) Requests the Chairman of the First Committee to continue consultations on the further rationalization of the work of the Committee with a view to improving further its effective functioning;

(b) Decides, on the recommendation of the First Committee, to defer consideration of the item entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee" until its fifty-second session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session.